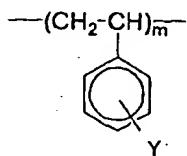


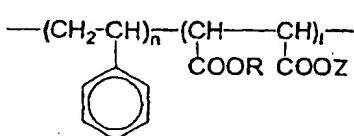
AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 7-8 with the following amended paragraph:

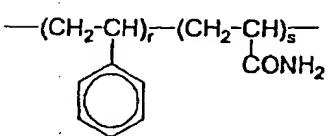
In still another aspect of the present invention, in the heat-sensitive recording material as claimed in claim 7, the water-soluble polymer includes at least a water-soluble polymer represented by one of the following structural formulae (6), (7), (8) and (9):



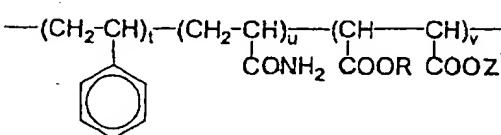
Structural formula (6)



Structural formula (7)



Structural formula (8)



Structural formula (9)

in which Y represents $-\text{SO}_3\text{A}$ or $-\text{COO}\text{A}$, and A represents Na, K, NH_4 or $\text{NH}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OH})_3$; m represents an integer of at least 10; n represents a number from 0.1 to 0.9, l represents a number from 0.9 to 0.1, and $n + l$ is 1.0; r represents a number from 0.1 to 0.9, s represents a number from 0.9 to 0.1, and $r + s$ is 1.0; t represents a number from 0.1 to 0.9, u represents a number

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from 0.1 to 0.9, v represents a number from 0.1 to 0.9, and t + u + v is 1.0; R represents an alkyl group having 2 or more carbon atoms; and Z represents Na, K, NH₄ or NH(C₂H₄OH)₃.